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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

British officials in West Africa are making strenuous efforts to compete with the United States in growing cotton. —— The naval appropriation bill as reported to the Senate provides for construction of four first class battleships and two first class armored cruisers. —— R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died suddenly in New York, aged 83 years. —— The Senate yesterday had under consideration the Sundry Civil bill; a protest was presented against seating Smoot of Utah. —— In the House Jas. J. Butler, of Missouri, was unseated and Geo. C. R. Wagoner was seated in his place. —— Fire at the town of Peaks, S. C., destroyed $50,000 worth of property. —— Mr. Cornelia Cole Fairbanks, of Indiana, was unanimously re-elected president of the Daughters of the American Revolution. —— Albert Knapps, arrested at Indianapolis, confessed to five murders; the victims all women and two of them his wives. —— It is generally believed that a merger or consolidation of the 'Frisco, Rock Island and Southern roads is contemplated. —— The collier Alexander has been towed into port at Bermuda. —— Ten masked robbers raided a residence near Toledo, O., and after brutally beating and burning the inmates, robbed the house of money and jewelery. —— New York markets: Money on call rather firm at 2½@3 per cent; cotton—steady at 10.05c; flour was steady but again very dull in the absence of buyers; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 81½; corn—spot firm, No. 2 60c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 43½c; rosin firm; strained common to good $3.30; spirits turpentine firm.

### WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 26.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 51 degrees: maximum, 60 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.05 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—For North Carolina: Rain Friday; fresh to brisk northeast winds; Saturday, rain, colder in interior.

**Port Almanac—February 27.**

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| Sun Rises | 6.37 A. M. |
| Sun Sets | 5.51 P. M. |
| Day's Length | 11 H. 11 M. |
| High Water at Southport | 8.02 P. M. |
| High Water Wilmington | 10.32 P. M. |

Real estate is on the raise in Guam. A succession of earthquakes recently raised the level of the whole bailiwick six inches.

Washington *Post*: "The George Washington jokes were worse than usual this year." Yes, we tried to incubate one, but it spoiled before we could hatchet out.

Mr. Roosevelt has a fine opportunity to open "the door of opportunity" to some sprightly negro by putting him in Mr. Cortelyou's place as his private secretary.

A Kansas solon wants a law passed punishing with death a man who instigates a lynching. Generally speaking, that's what happens to the fellow who instigates a lynching down in these parts.

It is very thoughtful in the War Department to issue the new "riot cartridges" to the States. We will have a few in our vest pocket when negro Jim Hayes comes here with his sword and torch.

"Within a week or two now we shall have reports of the annual Spring floods," says the Savannah *News*. But what are they when compared with the visitations of the annual Spring poets?

A Boston preacher who preached last Sunday on the harmful influence of the billionaire made a hit with his congregation because he didn't hit any of them.

A Georgia story writer says President Roosevelt is one of the best friends of the Southern people and of the South that he has ever known. But he has a very queer way of showing it.

Porto Rico must be a daisy dwelling place for a lazy man. The laborer earns about 15 cents a day, but things are so cheap there that he can support a family by working two days in the week.

Rev. H. P. Johnston, negro, of Camden, N. J., who got $500 (he wanted $10,000) from the Pullman Company, damages for refusing to serve him breakfast in its dining car, did better than if he got his breakfast. This pull from the Pullmans may encourage him to travel and get hungry often.

## TO REVISE THE CODE.

### Three Commissioners for That Purpose Chosen by Democratic Caucus.

### AT SALARY OF $2,000 EACH.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, Prof. N. Y. Gully and Col W. B. Rodman the Nominees.

M. O. Sherrell State Librarian.

No Revision Since 1883.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—The Democratic caucus to-night nominated Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh; N. Y. Gully, professor of law at Wake Forest, and Col. W. B. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., as members of the commission of three to codify the laws of the State. When the caucus first met motion was made and lost that the naming of the members of the commission be left to the Governor. Nominating speeches were limited to one minute each.

There were 29 nominations and the first ballot resulted as follows: L. L. Smith, of Gates, 33; Jno. S. Hender, son, of Salisbury, 23; A. J. Barton of Rockingham, 15; A. E. Henderson, of Caswell, 10; W. B. Rodman, of Washington, 18; Jno. W. Hinsdale of Raleigh, 34; Eugene S. Martin, of New Hanover, 5; A. W. Graham, of Oxford, 40; N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, 49; J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, 38; T. J. Jerome, of Monroe, 10; Chas. A. Moore, of Asheville, 7; A. L. Blow, of Pitt, 20; E. K. Roper, of Davidson, 15; W. E. Moore, of Jackson, 4; T. B. Womack, of Raleigh, 46; W. C. Munroe, of Goldsboro, 1; W. J. Adams, of Moore, 6; W. S. Shaw, of Vance, 5; J. F. Ray, of Orange, 4; S. F. Mordecai, of Raleigh, 11; Swift Galloway, of Green, 4; B. B. Werboan, of Hertford, 3; Jacob Battle, of Edgecombe 1; J. C. McRae, of Orange, 3; D. D. Hackett, of Wilkes, 5; W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, 1; Theo. Davidson, of Buncombe, 1.

There were five ballots, N. Y. Gully being nominated with 80 votes on the second; T. B. Wormack, with 66 on the third, and W. B. Rodman, with 85 on the fifth. By the fourth ballot all nominees had dropped out except Rodman, 52; Graham, 40; Smith, 9; Hinsdale, 3; Biggs, 14, and Burton 1. Mr. Gattis withdrew Judge Graham's name and the fifth ballot resulted: Rodman, 85; Biggs, 13; Graham, 10; Hinsdale, 3; Smith, 1; Burton, 1; Parker, of Wayne, 1. Eugene Martin received 3 votes on the second ballot and two on the third.

The commission will elect a clerk at $75 per month and each commissioner will receive $2,000 for making the codification.

The caucus nominated M. O. Sherrell for re-election as State Librarian.

The names of the Code Commissioners selected to-night will be inserted in the bill now before the Senate providing for a commission to revise the Code of North Carolina, the last revision having been made in 1883 by Messrs. William T. Dortch, John Manning and John S. Henderson.

### LOCAL DOTS.

— The committee on pistoricals is headed this way. It reported at Maxton Wednesday.

— Messrs. Brooks & Taylor are moving into their handsome new store recently completed on the wharf, nearly opposite the Willard Bag & Mfg. Co.'s factory, on South Water street.

— State Councillor Hood, of the Jr. O. U. A. M. has appointed Mr. William J. Bellamy, of Jeff Davis Council, this city, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the order in North Carolina.

Messrs. H. E. King, T. E. Grafton and A. J. Martin have arrived from Hamlet to open an office here for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The office will probably be in the Masonic Temple.

— The offices of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., and the C. R., L. & P. Co. on the first floor of the MacRae building, next north of the Masonic Temple, are being enlarged by the building of private offices apartments in the rear.

— Southport *Standard*: "From reliable authority it is learned that considerable building will be done at Fort Caswell in the near future. An administration building, guard house, and hospital barracks are to be erected. A building to replace the one recently burned is also to be erected."

— The W. C. T. U. requests all members who have affiliated with the organization during the past 21 years to be present at the memorial meeting in the lecture room of the First Baptist church to-night, a programme of which was printed in yesterday's STAR.

**Shifting Engine Jumped.**

Atlantic Coast Line shifting engine No. 100 jumped the dummy track back of Front street market house yesterday and ploughed its way for some distance in the ground. Another shifter was brought out and the disabled engine pulled back on the track with much difficulty.

**Anti-Saloon League.**

The STAR is requested to call attention to the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 8 o'clock to-night. The meeting is for men only and a full attendance is desired as important matters will come up for transaction.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Chas. Anderson & Co.—The Only Restaurant.

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## THE RIVER TRAFFIC.

### Sixth Annual Meeting Yesterday of Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat Company.

### UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT.

In Future All Lines, Except City of Fayetteville, Will Be Operated Conjointly—New Light Draught Steamer Being Built Here—Notes.

The sixth annual meeting of the Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat Company was held at the general offices in this city upon the arrival of the steamer *Highlander* yesterday. Mr. Oliver Evans, of Fayetteville, president, and Mr. T. D. Love, of Wilmington, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the company, were the officers present.

The general discussion of the business of the past year, which was entirely satisfactory, was indulged in and all the old officers were re-elected unanimously. The company operates the steamer *Highlander* between Wilmington and Fayetteville and now has in process of construction a new boat of light draught and good freight capacity to be known as the *Tar Heel*. She is being built near foot of Chesnut street and will be admirably adapted to the Cape Fear traffic.

One of the most important announcements as a result of the meeting yesterday was that the steamers *Hurt* and *Highlander* and *E. A. Hawes* and *Tar Heel* will continue to be operated under one management, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the *City of Fayetteville*, against which the Merchants' and Farmers' and Cape Fear Steamboat companies most emphatically claim there was no discrimination.

Mr. T. D. Love will be general freight agent here of the *Hurt*, *Highlander*, *Tar Heel* and *Hawes*, the latter being employed on the Northeast and Black river lines, and Col. W. S. Cook will be general freight agent for the steamers at Fayetteville. Mr. James Madden, who was formerly general agent here for the *Hurt* and *Hawes*, becomes chief clerk to General Manager Love.

All the steamers land at Mr. Love's wharf, nearly opposite the rear of the Front street market house, though the company still retains possession of the wharf, next south of the foot of Chesnut street. The new arrangment promises exceedingly well. Schedules will be strictly adhered to as far as possible and the freight office will remain open until 4 P. M. of each steamer day.

**"Let Everybody Subscribe."**

Nordica and the Duss Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra, a company of more than 120 people, will be sure to come to Wilmington on May 2d, Mr. Collier says, if he continues to meet with the encouragement he received on his first day among the people yesterday. At the close last evening Mr. Colliers says the amount secured for the day was large and encouraging. Yet there is the big end yet to come in, and the folks have but to-day and to-morrow to decide whether it's Wilmington or another city who will have the superb organization. There will be found at R. C. DeRosset's book store a subscription list and diagram for those who may be otherwise missed, or, by addressing a postal to Mr. Collier, he will call upon any one or place upon the list any price seats desired—$5.00, $2.50 and $1.50. Think of such prices to hear Nordica!

**Howard Relief Building.**

Ground will be broken the first of next week for the handsome club building which the Howard Relief Company will erect on the northeast corner of Front and Orange streets. A description of the proposed club house was printed in these columns several months ago when bids were first invited for the work. It is sufficient now to say that the building will be a great credit to the city and the popular organization which will own it. It will be modern in every particular and will have every appointment of a model club building for social and business purposes.

**Hospital Ambulance Fund.**

The STAR yesterday turned over to the Ministering Circle of Wilmington amounts on hand to the credit of those contributors to the hospital ambulance fund, who have thus far signified that they desired the amounts to be disposed of in that way. The Ministering Circle is still at work upon the fund and deserves every encouragement. Mrs. C. H. King is president and treasurer of the Circle and will be pleased to receive any and all funds. The amount needed is not yet in hand.

**Some Fine Street Work.**

Like all the work he has done for the city during his administration, Superintendent Woolard is making a neat and substantial job of the macadam on Grace, between Front and Second streets. Superintendent Woolard has built a long line of splendid macadam for the city, but none will be better than the block on Grace street. The Columbia crushed rock is excellent for the work.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: "If there is any sort of annual meeting that Wilmington isn't going to get the coming summer, we haven't heard of it. One of the latest is the Teachers' Assembly." Yes, Bobbie, and "there's always room for one more."

## IN THE LEGISLATURE.

### Many Bills of Minor Consequence Introduced, Reported and Passed Yesterday.

### RESORT HOTELS EXEMPTED.

House Adopts Measure Allowing Liquor to Be Sold at Beaches—Change of Robeson's County Seat—Money for the Public Schools.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6.—In the Senate to-day a bill to create a fund for the building and improving of public school houses in North Carolina passed second reading and was made the special order for 1 o'clock tomorrow for third reading. It provides that the proceeds from the sale of State swamp lands, now amounting to $300,000, be made a permanent fund to be loaned to school districts at 4 per cent., one-tenth of the principal to be paid back each year.

A bill also passed, authorizing the sale of the steamer *Lilly* and the purchase of gas boats.

Among bills introduced were:

McBryde (by request,) to provide an election in Robeson county on moving the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke. The bill is accompanied by petitions from 2,000 voters.

Mitchell, to incorporate the Chowan and Aulander R. R. Co.

The Senate Committee on Finance made a favorable report on the bill appropriating $25,000 for erecting a hall of records at corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets.

In the House, Nissen introduced a bill to incorporate Williams, Yadkin county, the purpose being to avert the necessity of an old rice whiskey distillery moving away to some incorporated town under the operation of the Watts bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whiskey in the county.

Other bills introduced were:

Erwin, to incorporate the Trans-Appalachian Railroad Co.

Morton, a resolution to print 5,000 copies of the Watts bill for distribution by members of the General Assembly.

Britt, to incorporate Parker's High School, Robeson county.

Thompson, to prevent felling trees in streams of Onslow county.

Walters, making it a misdemeanor for servants or wage earners to secure employment by misrepresentations.

Parker, to provide for stock law election in Wayne.

Parker, to provide for an election in Wayne to determine upon the manufacture of liquor in that county.

Carlton, to fix the time for holding courts in Duplin.

Among the bills passed by the House were: To incorporate the Home Savings Bank of Durham; to incorporate the Durham Loan and Trust Co.; to repeal an amendment to the charter of Carolina and Northern R. R. Co.; to permit the sale of liquor at resort hotels in New Hanover county; to incorporate Scotland village, Scotland county; for the improvement of highways in Robeson county.

### GOVERNOR BOB TAYLOR.

**"Every Hearty Laugh, a Hallelujah; Every Song, the Wings of a Soul."**

The coming of Governor Bob Taylor to the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Tuesday evening is certain to attract one of the very largest audiences of the season. It has been said of him that he has scattered more sunshine and created more laughter among the amusement-loving people than any man who has graced the platform within the memory of the present generation, his ideal being to hold up the mirror to human nature, and to light the temples of thought with windows of fun; and as he has said himself, "Music is the wine of the soul and there is a melody in every sunbeam, a sunbeam in every melody."

The New York *World* editorially says of Governor Taylor: "Whether with mouth or fiddle, Ex-Gov. Robert C. Taylor, of Tennessee, is easily one of the most accomplished performers of the world. * * * As a Paganini among politicians and a Patrick Henry among fiddlers, the ex-Governor is undoubtedly the most admirable product of the moonshine regions of his admirable State. * * * Whether as fiddler, orator, or patriot, he is an unqualified success, and a credit to the country of which his native moonlit mountains form so picturesque a part."

To-day is the last upon which tickets may be secured at the reduced rate—75 cents. To-morrow the box sheet opens at DeRosset's. By securing seats today 25 per cent. will be saved.

### NEWS OF THE LOCAL SHIPPING.

**Tug Blanche Disabled—Steamer Garlands Here from Newport News—Notes.**

The Clyde steamer *Geo. W. Clyde* arrived at 7:30 o'clock last evening from her regular trip to Georgetown and will leave to-morrow for New York.

The schooner *R. W. Hopkins*, Capt. Hitchborn, arrived yesterday from New York and will receive a cargo of cross-ties from Keith & Company.

The British steamer *Garlands*, 1,360 tons, Capt. Doherty, arrived yesterday from Newport News and will receive a cargo of veneering timber from the Acme Tea Chest Co. The *Garlands* recently went ashore off Hatteras while proceeding to Wilmington and had to return to Newport News to go in dry dock for slight repairs.

While proceeding inside the bar at the mouth of the river with the schooner *R. W. Hopkins* yesterday the tug *Blanche* was disabled by a leak springing in one of her boilers. The schooner was anchored and the tug *Jones* went out and brought her in. The *Blanche* came up to the city with the *Jones* last night and will be tied up for repairs a day or two.

## PILOT LAWS INTACT.

### Chamber of Commerce Bill for Revision Defeated in the Senate Yesterday.

### THE VOTE WAS 29 TO 11.

Senator Wellborn's Picturesque Speech in Opposition to Measure—Morton's Amendment to Regulations to Come Up Saturday—Notes.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Both the House and Senate passed a great number of local bills to-day. The bill to amend and revise the pilotage laws at the port of Wilmington came up as unfinished business this morning.

Senator Mitchell, of Bertie, made an eloquent and powerful speech for the bill, pleading that Wilmington, North Carolina's only seaport, be freed from this handicap and placed on an equal footing with Norfolk and Savannah.

Senator Woodard, of Wilson, spoke against the bill, Mr. Hicks, of Granville, following with a speech for the bill, declaring Wilmington's commerce, North Carolina's seaport and State's railroad rates should be relieved of arbitrary monopoly of a few organized pilots.

Lamb, of Cumberland, sent up to the clerk and had read a letter from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce endorsing the bill. However, he said he had investigated the subject and would oppose the bill. On motion of Bellamy, the bill was tabled by a vote of 29 to 11.

It is announced that Morton's pilotage bill will have a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on Saturday afternoon.

Referring to the discussion of the pilotage bill in the Senate Wednesday, yesterday's Raleigh *News and Observer* says:

The oratory of the day did its whirling around the bill proposing to repeal the compulsory pilotage laws at Wilmington. The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington and some of its merchants say that the system in vogue hurts the commercial growth of the city, while the pilots say that it is all right, is only what is just and that by virtue of previous laws and faithful service no change should be made.

Senator Bellamy opposed the bill, which had come with an unfavorable report from the Judiciary Committee, a minority report favoring it. He described the conditions, held that the pilots were right in their contention and that at the bottom of the matter were two trusts.

Senator Brown favored the repeal and declared that it ought to pass, that it removed hardships from shippers as railroad rates were made up from shipping rates. The pilotage and towage charges at Wilmington he felt were too large and the city was being hurt. Senator Bellamy asked him if he was not interested in the lumber business. To this Mr. Brown replied vigorously saying that he was, to a small extent, but that because of this he was not urging the bill, but simply because it was right.

Senator Travis aided Senator Bellamy and spoke against the bill. Senator Baldwin stood by Senator Brown and the bill, while Senator Webb opposed the repeal. The arguments were all at length, and each speaker warmed up to the subject.

The capstone of oratory was put on by Senator Wellborn (Rep.), of Ashe. He talked patriotism, told of the days of the Revolution and how a little girl in the Cape Fear section had aided General Greene in saving the country and freeing it from British rule. He swept along in fervid oratory down to the civil war, and told of no traitors among the pilots of the Cape Fear, and how they had aided the great and noble "War Governor" in getting supplies, and how by their loyalty the blockade was broken and supplies brought in. For this alone he thought the pilots should be left unmolested and patriotism was his plea. He spoke, and his gestures and words were emphatic, so much so that the Senators gave him the "glad hand" of applause when his oratory had all oozed out.

The Senate adjourned at this juncture, feeling that it had enough for the day, and desiring to take the rest of the discussion on the instalment plan.

### "HELLO BILL" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**It Will Be Seen Here To-morrow Matinee and Night—"Uncle Hez."**

Yesterday's Columbia (S. C.) *State* highly commends "Hello Bill," the well known farce comedy, which is to hold the boards at the Academy tomorrow at matinee and night. The play has also been praised by the Atlanta *Constitution* and the Charleston *News and Courier*.

The piece is said to be one of the very funniest of all modern comedies and gives rise to the introduction of several up-to-date and refined specialties. It has been presented with great success in all of the larger cities and will be presented here by the original cast. The matinee will be especially attractive to the ladies and children and the prices will be only 25 and 50 cents. This performance will be given just the same as at the night and the Academy's entire orchestra will be used. Seats for the night performance will be placed on sale at Plummer's this morning at 8 o'clock.

A Good Show.—The price of reserved seats for the performance of "Uncle Hez" at the Academy Monday night has been reduced to 75 cents, and this of course, when taken in connection with the worth of the show, will no doubt assure a large audience. A special feature of the production is the trick and mechanical properties and scenery. Clever singing and dancing and splendid orchestral numbers are introduced. The supporting company is capable, and a theatrical festival of fun may be expected.

The sale of seats will open at Plummer's tomorrow morning.

— It is announced that "the trial of the monitor Florida has been set for March 11." Wonder if she's going to plead self-defence?

## MIDNIGHT BURGLAR.

### A Guest of Rock Springs Hotel Had a Rude Awakening This Morning.

### HIS TROUSERS WERE ROBBED

Negro Captured, After Chase, Believed to Be Guilty of the Burglary—Joined His Pursuer in Shouting for the Police—In the Lock-Up.

This morning shortly after midnight the wharf section of the city was alarmed by vigorous shouts of "police" and persons who immediately reached the scene of the outcry witnessed the unusual spectacle of a man racing in his night garments through the chilly air after an unknown negro, who was rending the atmosphere with distress signals almost as vociferous as those made by his pursuer.

A burglar had entered the Rock Spring Hotel on Chesnut, between Front and Water streets, and rifled the trousers of Mr. F. J. Vincent, a machinist in the Atlantic Coast Line shops, who rooms on the second floor of the building. Mr. Vincent was asleep when his room was entered, but when the trousers were thrown back into the room and a button struck a pitcher on the washstand, the clinking sound awoke him and as the hotel has been burglarized several times recently, he immediately imagined the cause of the trouble then in hand and a hasty examination of his trousers confirmed his suspicion that his pockets had been robbed of a pocket-book containing $5 or $6 in cash and a few other articles.

Mr. Vincent, unarmed, dashed out of the room, down the steps to the sidewalk and overhauled a negro making his way toward Water street. The negro immediately decided upon a "nervy proposition" and he joined in Mr. Vincent's shouts for police, running to a small office on the wharf, saying the policemen were in there.

Officer John Meier soon reached the scene and levelling his revolver at the negro, demanded that he halt. He did so. After being carried to the light the negro proved to be Albert Jones, who has an unsavory reputation and who was arrested a few months ago for entering a number of residences on the Sound. He is also said to have served a term or two on the chain gang.

A search of the negro disclosed no pocket-book, but Mr. Vincent says that he is of the opinion that the negro, seeing arrest staring him in the face, threw the money away. A search will be made for the book this morning.

### Y. M. C. A. BASKET BALL.

**Game This Evening—Team That Will Go to Charleston Next Month.**

The fourth game of the Friday night series of basket ball games will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-night. Two strong teams have been organized and a fine game is sure to be played. The teams will line up as follows:

| REDS. | | BLUES |
|---|---|---|
| L. Davis | f | A. Dosher |
| W. A. Little | f | F. Irving. |
| W. Dosher | c | J. Loughlin |
| J. Richardson | g | H. Sheman |
| H. Quinn | g | A. Boney |

The game will begin at 8:30 o'clock. No charge will be made for admission.

The team, which will go to Charleston next month, commenced regular practice last night, and judging from the start a strong team will combat with the South Carolinians.

The boys' meeting will be held at 5 p. m. today, as usual.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. C. Clark, of Elizabethtown, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. Gabriel Holmes went up to Fayetteville yesterday for a brief visit to relatives.

— Southport *Standard*: "Mr. John W. Adkins, of Ash, moved to Wilmington a few days ago, where he makes his home."

— Rev. A. P. Tyer, former pastor of Grace M. E. church, this city, is visiting here for a few days, the guest of Mr. J. T. King.

— Mr. Owen Flynn and daughter, Miss Estelle, of Canetuck, Pender county, returned home Wednesday after a visit to relatives and friends.

— Mr. Luther Herring, a clever "knight of the key" who has been with the Western Union in this city, has gone to Palm Beach, Fla., to take a position in the telegraph office of the Royal Poinciana Hotel, the largest in the world.

**Jefferson Lodge, K. of P.**

At a meeting of Jefferson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Wednesday night Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., was elected master of finance to succeed Mr. R. S. Collins, resigned, and Mr. Anson Alligood keeper of records to succeed Mr. Alex. S. Holden, who also resigned. The lodge held a memorial service in honor of the late J. Robt. Jordan, State Lecturer of the order.

**The Steamer "Cape Fear."**

The government suction dredge *Cape Fear* returned to Southport yesterday after having completed slight repairs here. While at work on the bar Tuesday morning, one of the doors to her coal bin was broken and she had to suspend work until the damage could be repaired.

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| 22.50 | " | " | 21.00 | 40.00 | Buffett " 37.50 |
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### THE MAXTON SHOOTING.

**Further Particulars of the Fatal Wounding of W. I. Thompson Wednesday Night—Plea of Self-Defence.**

The shooting affair at Maxton night before last in which W. I. Thompson, a well known travelling man, was shot and fatally wounded by his nephew, E. N. McLean, son of B. F. McLean, Esq., was the subject of much local interest here yesterday, both men being well known in Wilmington.

The shooting took place in the dining room of the home of Thompson, who it is claimed fired the first shot, causing a slight wound in McLean's side just above the hip. McLean surrendered himself shortly after the shooting to Maj. Wooten, a justice of the peace, and is still in the custody of Deputy Sheriff T. L. Smith. Mrs. Thompson, it is claimed, feared her husband, who was drinking, and had sent for her nephew, who came for her protection. McLean remonstrated with Thompson as to his treatment of his aunt, when Thompson drew his pistol and fired, the ball barely grazing McLean's left side, passing through the waistband of his trousers and glancing off. McLean returned the fire and emptied three chambers of his revolver at Thompson, two of them producing wounds in the region of the heart and the third grazing the side, inflicting no injury. Yesterday morning Thompson was still living but with slim chances of recovery.

Young McLean is 21 years of age and unmarried. He has been studying medicine, but poor health has interfered with the completion of his course. He had been lodging in the house of his uncle.

### HABEAS CORPUS FOR UTLEY.

**Plea of Insanity Will Be Argued—Developments in the Haywood Case.**

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Ex-Judge Thos. H. Sutton is here to-day and applied to Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, of the Supreme Court, for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Ed. Utley convicted at Fayetteville for the murder of T. B. Hollingsworth and sentenced to fifteen years. Insanity is the ground on which the writ is asked. The hearing will be in Raleigh Monday.

W. C. Douglass, of counsel for the defence in the Ernest Haywood affair for killing Ludlow Skinner, withdraws from the case because his partner, R. N. Simms, will be a witness in the case: Simms saw an alleged altercation which precipitated the shooting. Neither Jas. I. Osborne, of New York, nor other attorneys out of the State will be engaged for the prosecution, so it is said.

**Three Fires Yesterday.**

Three alarms of fire within as many hours were responded to by the Fire Department yesterday. At 10:28 A. M. sparks from a chimney at 718 MacRae street, caused a damage of about $5; at 12:18 a fire which damaged property at 516 Queen street to the extent of about $10, originated in the same way, and at 12:55 a telephone alarm brought the department to the residence of Mr. S. A. Schloss, No. 10 North Fourth street, where a defective flue started a small blaze, which damaged property to the extent of about $35.

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27.


## HERALDING THEIR OWN INCOMPETENCY.

Never, perhaps, since the negro has been a voter has the race question been as much discussed, and with as much interest as it is now. It is discussed in the Senate of the United States, before Republican clubs, at negro meetings, in the pulpit and in the press. It has been discussed more within the past few months than it was in the five years that Mr. McKinley occupied the Presidential chair, receiving most of its impetus from the utterances and actions of President Roosevelt. His "open door" letter gave it a mighty impetus and filled the negroes with aspirations, assertiveness and aggressiveness that they have never before exhibited. From petitioners they have suddenly developed into demanders and what they before were glad to thankfully receive as an offering they now demand as a right, and go even further and threaten, if these "rights" be withheld. These threats amount to nothing, of course, but they show the folly and the lack of mental balance of the men who make them, men who pose as leaders of their race.

It is but a short while since the negro lawyer Hayes, of Richmond, made that incendiary speech in Washington, which attracted so much attention, but was so promptly repudiated by more thoughtful negroes. He has his imitators who even eclipse him in folly.

On Washington's birthday, in Brooklyn, addresses were made on the negro problem, Booker Washington being one of the speakers, and a Dr. Dewey another. Booker Washington spoke sense, as he always does on this question, the other man didn't talk sense. The New York *Times* quotes him in substance thus:

> If you could but put the Indian where the negro is to-day and multiply him to the number of the negro, the Indian would have his rights as a man respected or the scalp of every white man would be taken and hanging at his belt, or else every Indian would have gone to the happy hunting grounds.
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> Yet the negro is awakening. He is beginning to feel and realize what he can do. He is beginning to feel the blood of his African ancestors in his veins. You and I with much truth may well look on with awe as to what the results will be when a man such as this man is begins to scent liberty. As the negro begins to feel something of the accumulations of ancestry lifted as he arises out of the deadening effect of years of slavery, as he begins to be intoxicated with visions of liberty, who shall say him nay? Will not the colored man rise in awful wrath and smite and palsy the hand that would hold him back?

Commenting upon this the *Times* pertinently remarks as follows:

> If the negro should rise in his wrath and begin to smite and palsy "the hand that holds him back," the problem would be solved with the same celerity that was exhibited in the case of the red man, and the solution would be the same. The negro problem persists because the negro is "meek and mild," because he is pliant. He bends and therefore does not break. He did work as a slave in this country for 240 years. If through some unimaginable political change some act of immeasurable economic stupidity slavery should be restored, he would probably work again as a bondman. So what sense is there in Dr. Dewey's question about the colored man rising in awful wrath?
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> And that is the way the awful wrath would wind up, with fewer negroes and a large amount of costly experience. These fool talkers are doing two things, neither of which they seem to realize. They are furnishing proof by their insane babble that they are not competent to lead, and that the people who accept them as leaders are not competent to rule themselves, much less others; and they are also furnishing proof to the Northern people that the Southern white men are right when they assert that the negro should not be permitted to rule.
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> To listen to absurd utterances like those quoted above from the Brooklyn orator one might think that the negroes of Africa had been snatched from the lap of comfort and refinement and dragged off by brutal savages in white skins to a life of horrid slavery, when as a matter of fact they were taken from the jungles of savagery and brought where the light of civilization and Christianity fell upon them. It was slavery, it is true, but slavery that was for the negro incomparably better than the life of idle savagery which he led in his own country. Many, and among them negroes, see in the slavery they were subjected to the mysterious workings of Providence, who sent the negro into bondage in a Christian land that he might become civilized and Christianized, prepared to become in due time the civilizer and Christianizer of the benighted tribes of his own race still in heathen darkness.
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> What idiocy to talk about the negro "awakening and beginning to feel the blood of his African ancestry in his veins." Looking back he would find his ancestry roaming naked in the jungles, one tribe watching another, the weaker avoiding the stronger and becoming his victim, captive or slave, if he couldn't escape. It was the ancestors of these negroes that Dewey was talking to and about in such high pitched key that furnished the stock from which they are descendants. Glorious ancestry that to quicken their blood and fire them to assert their "rights as freemen."
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> The negro has neither an ancestry to look back to, the memory of whom would inspire to noble effort, and he has no history. Outside of this country where he has been under the control of white intelligence and come into contact with white men, he has succeeded in nothing but the propagation of his kind. In that he has resembled other animals which increase and multiply when the conditions are favorable, and they are not subjected to depredations by destructive agencies. After occupying an immense continent for over four thousand years they have recorded no glorious achievement in history, have left no monuments, no evidences of progress, and today they occupy by suffrance the remnants of the land which was once all theirs, but has slipped away from them piece by piece, until the white men of other lands own and rule most of it, and the negro is a cipher in his own land and less potential that his descendants are in this land. He is not faring there as well as his race is in this country, for there is a race question there too, and the negro is crowded back or trampled under as the white man lengthens his lines and broadens his sphere of action. There is nothing to be proud of or stimulate to bold deeds in that kind of ancestral blood. Sable orators who talk in that strain make themselves ridiculous.

## A LEVEL-HEADED ENGLISHMAN.

The method the British Government adopted to collect claims from Venezuela, claims not due to the Government, but to individuals, was never popular in England, and the fact that an alliance for that purpose was entered into with Germany made it all the more unpopular.

In a recent issue of the London *Times* Sir Robert Giffen severely criticises the course of the Government, and insists that the method of settlement adopted by which Venezuela agrees to pay a part of of her revenues in liquidation of the claims really complicates and makes ultimate trouble over the Monroe Doctrine much more likely, for if Venezuela defaults in payment the claimant nations will have a right to collect by force, to take possession of custom houses, and they can't do this without conflicting with the Monroe Doctrine. The result will be that the United States will be forced to intervene, or let that Doctrine go by default.

Whether he be right in this view or not he is level-headed in the plan he suggests to avoid complications of this kind. "The proper punishment of a defaulting State," he says, "is discredit." He has struck the kernel in that. If it were adopted as a rule that defaulting States couldn't borrow money it would spur them up to paying their obligations and maintaining their credit, and if Governments refused to use their ships and soldiers to collect bad debts for their subjects those subjects would be more careful where they invested their money, would take fewer chances tempted by the prospect of usurious interest, and there would be fewer bad debts made.

There is neither business nor sense in a Government spending ten dollars to collect one for a subject who should have known what he was doing when he was planting his money in another country, not only spending ten dollars to collect one, but engendering hard feelings which might cost the commerce if the collecting nation infinitely more than the claims amount to, and also bringing about complications that might result in war with other nations whose interests might suffer by the debt collecting process.

It looked at times very much as if this might happen during the contention with Venezuela and it is something that may happen, under similar circumstances, at any time.

By stopping this debt collecting business these dangers will be avoided and the men who make loans in other countries will be more careful what they do and will find themselves as little if not less losers then they are now.

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A Maryland Congressman has among his constituents a man who was a baby when the North and South were fighting. There was a battle near the house in which that baby then was, and it was so terrified by the roar of guns that it became a paralytic. The Congressman thinks his constituent should be pensioned. This is a unique claim, but there are thousands of pensions granted on claims that are not as good.

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A missionary returned to New Haven, Conn., reports that he found towns in that commonwealth where polygamy was practiced, and a good deal of other sorts of develment. And that is up there in the land of "steady habits," some of which seem to be bad.


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## WORN TO A SHADOW.

When there is a falling off in flesh in woman or man there is "something wrong." And that something wrong is generally a loss of nutrition due to disease of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition. Sometimes this loss of flesh is accompanied by variable appetite, but in many cases the appetite does not fail and there may be a constant desire to eat. Languor, nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, are symptoms often associated with this loss of nutrition and falling off in flesh.

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## NOT MORMON ENOUGH TO HURT.

Mr. T. W. Smoot, Senator elect from Utah, is also a "Rev." of the "Church of Jesus Christ." In what this differs from the "Church of the Latter day Saints" we do not know, but it seems to differ materially from Mormonism, according to Rev. T. W. Smoot. He is in Washington now, whither he went to survey the field and familiarize himself in advance with the surroundings before he enters on his duties as Senator. Last Sunday he preached in St. Paul's English Lutheran church on "Mormonism: Its Past, Its Present and Its Future," an extract from which is thus given by the *Times*:

"I do not expect to live to preach the funeral sermon of the Mormon church, but I expect that the church of Jesus Carist will rise up in my day and expose the immoral, vile teachings of that religion. I am satisfied that divine order will not permit such a pollution of truth to become dominant. I believe that the people will rise up in indignation and push back this fanatical ism. I am confident that some day political parties will have courage to stand for the flag and to teach the Mormons what the flag means. At present I am a little afraid that the value of the individual vote and the power of the church persuades the officials to do what their better natures tell them not to do. Let us not think that the man with many wives is no power in this country. The attitude of the church, as it knocks at the door of the Senate, indicates that it would knock until it is admitted everywhere. Of one thing I am sure—in the future Mormonism will have no place except in darkest Africa or some island of the sea."

He doesn't seem to have much use for the Mormon Church, and therefore it might be asked why such a kick is made against permitting him to take his seat in the Senate? It has been charged that he is under the influence of the Mormon hierarchy, which will control his actions as Senator, but if he be honest in these utterances he will not wear that kind of a collar, and he doesn't wear the collar of more than one wife, either. The fact, however, that he didn't fail to ring in the "flag" might give ground for the suspicion that he had formulated his utterances on this occasion with a view to disarming opposition, and silencing those who have been clamoring against admitting him to the Senate.

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The 700 footer Cedric, which arrived in New York from London last week, ought to be popular with ocean crossers who suffer from sea sickness. With her great length and 75 foot beam, and great depth she glides through the roughest seas as if she were running on a river. Out of the 742 passengers who came across on her not one was sea sick during the passage, although it was a stormy one.

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— "Don't you think," said the generous-minded man, that you would feel more kindly toward your political rival if you could imagine yourself in his place?" "My dear sir," answered the energetic man, mere imagination won't do. I'm going to put myself in his place if it can possibly be managed. He has one of the best places in the government service."—*Washington Star.*


**Escaped an Awful Fate.**

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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## SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Goldsboro *Argus*: The bank of Duplin located at Wallace has been duly incorporated by the Legislature and will be ready to begin business by April 1st. The capital stock is placed at $10,000 and one-haly of this amount has been paid in.

— Kinston *Free Press*: A gentleman from Wayne county by the name of Baker told a *Free Press* reporter to-day that he had a table of 24 inches square, made by himself, that contains 6,000 pieces of wood of 60 different varieties. It has taken the premium at several fairs and was sent to the Buffalo Exposition. He has refused an offer of $300 for it. —— There was a singular occurrence at Garysburg Monday. A passenger train on its way to Raleigh was passing that place when it was discovered that a church roof was on fire, the congregation knowing nothing whatever of it. Conductor Cain stopped the train and informed the congregation of the fire, when all hands turned out to extinguish it.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. W. C. Troy, acting for Deputy Revenue Collector Sutton, and Deputy Marshal Everitt, Wednesday captured a fifty-gallon illicit distillery on the Yadkin road, about eleven miles from Fayetteville. Though the still had been in operation that morning, the moonshiners had made good their escape. —— Matilda Watson, the negro woman who kidnapped the child of Mary Smith, also colored, last week, was captured at Sanford Saturday and brought back to this city, and is now in jail awaiting trial. The child was found and restored to its mother. —— two negro brothers named Mc Kinnon in Bladen county jail at Elizabethtown for attempting to murder a white man named Peterson, made their escape Sunday afternoon, but were discovered by Jailor Hall as they were leaving the building. The jailor attempted to halt them, when one of the negroes made a fierce assault on him, breaking one of his arms and otherwise badly injuring him. The jailor, however, held on to him and he was soon back in jail. The other man escaped.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Just a few nights ago a young man in Sampson ate 31 raw eggs, 6 bananas and 3 large oranges, all in a short time, and without a stop. —— It is thought by some of our close observing farmers that the severe freezes last week greatly damaged the early cabbage crop. Many of our truckers had launched into this practically new industry here, and had prepared their lands well and fertilized highly. The Winter weather thus far has been very mild, and the cabbages were growing nicely, and as a natural consequence could not stand much freezing, because of the sap in them. —— Prince Owens, a negro about 100 years old, died in McDaniel's township, near Boykin's Bridge, on the night of February the 18th. The old man worked with a son and grand-children, though he was not permitted to stay in the comfortable dwelling with them, but occupied an old house to himself; on the day previous to his death at night, he was working in the field and gave out and was not able to walk to the house, so these heartless and brutish descendants of his hauled him to his old house and there left him to shift for himself as best he could. The next morning the old negro was found in front of the fire-place dead, and it is believed that he was trying to build a fire but was too far gone to do so and consequently froze to death.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

—— George N. Wise, nephew of John S. Wise, of Virginia, hit the negro question squarely when he said in a speech at a republican gathering: "Let it alone." That is the whole secret in a nutshell. If republican politicians will let it alone it will settle itself in good time and in a satisfactory manner; if they do not the Lord only knows what will happen.—*Cattanooga Times, Ind.*

—— Spain has obtained a judgment for $335,000 against a Scotch shipbuilding company because that concern failed to fulfill a contract to deliver four torpedo-boat destroyers in time to be of use in the Spanish-American war. Rip VanWinkle was an unlucky man compared with lucky Spain! If those boats had been delivered on time Spain would now have neither her destroyers nor the $335,000. As it is she has both.—*Washington Times, Ind.*

—— The separation between State and Church in Christian (?) countries ought to be wide enough, it seems to us, to satisfy most any one. The Church is founded upon the doctrine of "peace on earth, good will to men," while the State is run upon the theory that being armed to the teeth and ready for war at the tap of the drum is the proper attitude of nations towards each other—which is quite a wide separation of principles.—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

—— Rev. Dr. Lorimer, in the course of his address yesterday in Carnegie Hall, on the negro question, uttered at least one true thing when he said "the Declaration of Indendence is worth ten thousand islands in the Pacific." To contend for negro equality before the law and at the same time sanction the nullification of the Declaration of Independence, in so far as the Philippines are concerned, is probably as fine an example as can be found in the world of destructive inconsistency.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

**Two Badly Puzzled Ladies.**

Vernet, the French painter, was once traveling from Versailles to Paris in the same compartment with two ladies whom he had never seen before, but who were evidently acquainted with him. They examined him very minutely and commented upon him quite freely. The painter was annoyed and determined to put an end to the persecution. As the train passed through the tunnel of St. Cloud the three travelers were wrapped in complete darkness.

Vernet raised the back of his hand to his mouth and kissed it twice violently. On emerging from the obscurity he found that the ladies had withdrawn their attention from him and were glaring contemptuously at each other. Presently they arrived at Paris, and Vernet, on leaving them, said, "Ladies, I shall be puzzled all my life by the inquiry, Which of these two ladies was it that kissed me?"

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One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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## TWINKLINGS.

— The polar bear at the zoo says this weather reminds him of home and mother.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— He—Did you ever hear Miss Hammerton play the piano? She—No; but I've seen her work at it.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Old Lady—My friend, are you a Christian? Beggar—Well, mum, no one has ever accused me of workin' on Sunday.—*N. Y. Weekly.*

—Mrs. Riley—"Are yez on callin' terms wid our neighbors?" Mrs. Murphy—"Av coorse I am. She called me a thafe and I called her another."—*Tit Bits.*

— Johnny Wise—Pa, what is a prospective bridegroom? Mr. Wise—Well, my son, a prospective bridegroom nowadays is a young man prospecting for an heiress.—*Judge.*

— Lady Caller (to old family servant) — "Well, Bridget, did Master Arthur shoot any tigers in India?" Bridget—"Of coorse he did. Shure, we have the horns and the craythurs hung in the hall!"—*Punch.*

— Uncle John—"I'm glad to hear you say you've got such a nice teacher." Willie—"Yes, she's the best ever." Uncle John—"That's right." Willie—"Yes, she gets sick every other week or so, an' there ain't no school."—*Phil Press.*

— Lord Russell once asked Mr. Hume: "Mr. Hume what do you consider to be the object of legislation?" "The greatest good of the greatest number." "And what do you consider the greatest number?" "Number one," was Mr. Hume's reply.—*Green Bag.*

— "I am supposed to die of a broken heart," said the unmanageable actress. "Now, how am I to know how a person with a broken heart behaves?" "I'll tell you what to do," answered the cold-blooded manager. "You study the author of this play after he sees your first performance of it."—*Constantinople Times.*

**Won a Wife by His Skill.**

Action was a Grecian painter of about the time of Alexander, and he won a wife by his great work. He painted a picture called "The Nuptials of Alexander and Roxane," which was exhibited at the Olympic games. It created such a stir that one of the judges cried in admiration, "I reserve crowns for the victorious athletes, but I give my daughter in marriage to the painter Action as a recompense for his picture." Action was one of the artists who excelled in the art of mixing colors. He could not go to the nearest store and purchase them as artists do today.

## BY RIVER AND RAIL.

**Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.**

C. C. Railroad—11 bales cotton, 73 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—88 bales cotton, 10 barrels tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—191 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin, 136 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 35 barrels rosin, 23 barrels tar.

Steamer Highlander—6 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 339 barrels tar, 20 barrels pitch.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—7 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—1 bale cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 26 barrels rosin, 9 barrels tar.

Steamer Black River—16 barrels tar.

Schooner Leah—1 cask spirits turpentine, 4 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar.

Williams' Raft—178 barrels rosin.

Total—310 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 250 barrels rosin, 606 barrels tar, 50 barrels crude turpentine, 20 barrels pitch


Presto (same thin Boy) saves cook's time


## COMMERCIAL.

### WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.85 per barrel for strained and $1.90 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.65 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.40 per barrel for hard, $4.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady at 42@41c; rosin firm at $1.15@1.20; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

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| Spirits turpentine | 12 |
| Rosin | 250 |
| Tar | 606 |
| Crude turpentine | 50 |

Receipts same day last year—24 casks spirits turpentine, 199 barrels rosin, 561 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

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| Ordinary | 7½ cts. ₱ lb |
| Good ordinary | 8¾ " " |
| Low middling | 9¼ " " |
| Middling | 9½ " " |
| Good middling | 10⅜ " " |

Same day last year, market steady at 8¼c for middling.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 12½c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 3@4c per pound.

### FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Money on call rather firm, 2¾@3 per cent., closing at 2¾@3 per cent.; time money was firm: 60 days, 4¼@4¾ per cent; 90 days, 4½@4¾ per cent.; six months 4¾ @5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¾ per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487.40@487.50 for demand and at 484.20@484.25 for sixty days. Posted rates were 485@485½ and 488½. Commercial bills 483½@484. Bar silver 48½. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds were irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 107¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109¾; do. coupon, 109¾; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 117. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 97, Chesapeake & Ohio 50; Manhattan L. 141; New York Central 146¾; Reading 61; do. 1st preferred 85¾; do. 2nd preferred 74¾; St. Paul 175¾; do. pref'd, 192; Southern Railway 34¾; do. pref'd 95; Amalgamated Copper 72¾; People's Gas 103¾; Sugar 131; Tennessee Coal and Iron 66¾; U. S. Leather 13¾; do. pref'd, 91¾; Western Union 89; U. S. Steel 38¾; do. pref'd 88; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 64¾; do. preferred, 128. Standard Oil, 695@700.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25¼; do. preferred, 42¾; bonds, fours, 85¾. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 133; do. preferred, unchanged.

### NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $2 30. Spirits turpentine quiet at 65¾@66¼c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 63c; sales 40 casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A, B, C, D, E and F, $1 95; G, $2 05; H, $2 35; I, $2 80; K, $3 15; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W $4 90.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine was quoted firm at 65; receipts 120 casks; sales 35 casks; exports 78 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,470 barrels; sales 3,062 barrels; exports 420 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $2 00, F, $2 00; G, $2 10; H, $2 40; I, $2 85, K $3 20; M, $3 40; N, $3 60; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 25.

### COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of from seven to twelve points, and following the call ruled very active and strong under excited covering by shorts and fresh purchases for the account of the local bull clique. This buying carried prices to a level of ten to twelve points above the closing prices of last night, the first four months on the speculative list all crossing the ten cent mark. At the highest level February and March sold at 10 10; 10.06 bid for April, and May reached 10 09. This level proved somewhat attractive as a basis for profit taking by the room contingent who had bought on the lower levels of yesterday, and there was considerable realizing, which carried prices back from two to six points, and the close was barely steady at a net advance of ten to twenty-four points. The advance was partially the result of strong Liverpool cables before the local opening, while the English close was at an advance of two and a half to twelve points. Spot cotton also was higher abroad, advancing eight points, with sales reported of 10,000 bales. The strength at Liverpool was naturally attributed very largely to manipulation from this side, but the continued small movement was also a potent influence. Port receipts for the day were but 17,455 bales, this being a trifle below early estimates against actual receipts last year of 24,350 bales. The estimates for to-morrow were also light, and while this is attributed more to the condition of the roads and unfavorable weather than to approaching exhaustion, they nevertheless exert some effect on sentiment. There were some buying orders from European sources. The spot markets of the South were generally firm at unchanged prices to an advance of 3-16c, while the New York market was marked up twenty points to 10 25c for middling. Total sales futures estimated at 600,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Cotton steady at 10.25; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 4,964 bales; stock 125,855 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 20 points higher; middling uplands 10.25c; middling gulf 10 50c; sales 356 bales.

Futures market opened steady and closed barely steady. Closing prices: February 10.04, March 10.06, April 10 06, May 10.04, June 9.86, July 9.85, August 9.53, September 8.88, October 8.58, November 8.52, December 8.48.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 17,455 bales; exports to Great Britain 733 bales; exports to France 150 bales; exports to the Continent 7,348 bales; stock 838,939 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 115,700 bales; exports to Great Britain 58,125 bales; exports to France 260 bales; exports to the Continent 88,464 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6 543,030 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,102,694 bales; exports to France 638,676 bales; exports to the Continent 2,353,358 bales.

Feb. 26.—Galveston, firm at 9 15-16c, net receipts 5,915 bales; Norfolk, firm at 9 15-16c, net receipts 1 557 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 10.25, net receipts 1,782 bales; Wilmington, firm, 9¼c, net receipts 310 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 10 50c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, firm at 9¾, net receipts 3 986 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9¾c, net receipts 3,236 bales; Mobile, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 35 bales; Memphis, steady at 10¾, net receipts 683 bales; Augusta, steady at 10¼c, net receipts 633 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 96 bales.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Flour was steady but again very dull in the absence of buyers. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 81½c. Options had a firm undertone early on better English cables, less favorable weather news, the corn strength and covering. Subsequently, however, they yielded to light clearances, poor export inquiry, liquidation, and closed easy at a partial ½c net advance. Sales: March closed 83½c; May closed 81½c, July closed 78½c; September 76¼c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 60c. Options market was active on cables, poor grading, prospects for lighter receipts and rain or snow West, together with a good speculative demand. On later news and a poor export demand prices reacted but the close was quite steady at ¼@½c net advance. Sales to day included: February closed 59¼c; March closed 57¾c, May closed 52 15 16c; July closed 50¾c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 43¾c. Options were quiet but steadier with corn: May 41¾c. Lard steady; refined steady. Pork firm. Rice firm. Butter firm; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 15@25c. Cheese firm; State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14¾c; do. white, fall made 14¾c. Tallow easy. Peanuts steady, fancy hand picked 4¼ @4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cotton seed firmer; domestic, per barrel, red $1 00@1 35; white 75c@$1 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12 points firm; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75 @2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 80@2 00. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania average best 16½; Southern 15½. Western fancy 16c. Sugar—Raw steady; refined unsettled. Coffee—Spot Rio steady. Cotton seed oil was easier and a shade lower to-day. Quoted: Prime crude here nominal, prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@34½c; prime summer yellow 40@40½c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 42c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $37 50@38 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The strength in corn aided the other grains to day and higher prices prevailed, May wheat closing a shade higher, May corn ½@¾c higher and oats up ½@¾c. Provisions were strong and the day products closed unchanged to 12½c higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Cash prices: Flour was steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 78 @79c; No. 3 spring 71@78c; No. 2 red 74¾@75c. Corn—No. 2 44¼c; No. 2 yellow 44¾c. Oats—No. 2 34¼c; No. 2 white 34@35¾; No. 3 white 33¼c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted at $17 75@17 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 60@9 65. Short rib sides, loose, $9 60@9 65. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 87½ @10 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 77¼@77¾, 77⅝, 77¼, 77¼c; July 73¾@77⅛, 73⅝, 73¼, 73¾@73¾c; February 74¾c. Corn—No. 2 February 44¾, 45 44¾, 44¼c; May 46¼@46¾, 46¾, 46⅜ 46¼; July 44¾@44¾, 44¾@45, 44¾@44⅝, 44⅜@44¾c. Oats—No. 2, February 34¼c; May 35¼@35¾, 35¾@35¾, 35¼, 35⅝@35¾c; July 33, 33¼, 32¾, 32⅜c. Mess pork per bbl—May $17 75, 17 87½, 17 75, 17 85; July $17 30 1740, 17 37½, 17 35; September $16 90, 16 95, 16 87½, 16 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—February $9 65, 9 65, 9 62½, 9 62½; May $9 67½, 9 70, 965, 9 65; July $9 57½, 9 62½, 9 57½, 9 57½; September $9 55, 9 60, 9 55, 9 60. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $9 75, 9 50, 9 75, 9 82½; July $9 60, 9 67½, 9 60, 9 62½; September $9 52½, 9 57½, 9 50, 9 50.

### FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 8 points higher; American middling fair 5.94d; good middling 5.56; middling 5.38; low middling 5.26d; good ordinary 5.14; ordinary 5.03d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,200 bales American. Receipts 14,000 bales, including 11,800 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed strong; American middling (g o c) February 5.26@5.27d; February and March 5.25@4.26d; March and April 5.25@5.26d; April and May 5.26@5.27d; May and June 5.27@5.28d; June and July 5.27@5.28d; July and August 5.26@5.27d; August and September 5.15@5.16d; September and October 4.83d; October and November 4.61d; November and December 5.85d.

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Major Pickands, 372 tons, Holden, to master.

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Chas H Wolston, 287 tons, Hinckley, to master.

Jno R Fell, 281 tons, Loveland.

Jno W Dana, 478 tons, Fossett, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Greenleaf Johnson, 371 tons, Robinson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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## AT BRISTOW STATION

BY SCOTT CHALMERS

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Bristow Station was in the Panhandle section of Texas, and a more lonely and dreary place it would be hard to find. There was but one building, which served for freighthouse, passenger depot and ticket and telegraph office. Bert Brown, the K. and M. agent, had to do all the business and cook his own meals over an oil stove. There were four trains daily over the road; but, unless flagged, the two passenger trains went through Bristow at a fifty mile clip. To the west of the station was a long siding with cattle pens, then a straight track for thirty miles over the prairie.

Bert could always count on a visit from three or four tramps a day, and, though the instructions from the division superintendent were to "discourage" them, he took his own course in the matter. To "discourage" them meant to threaten them with pains and penalties and refuse them even a drink of water. To Bert it looked too much like childish spite, and, though he may have done some growling now and then, he always had a bite to eat and a bit of tobacco for the "tourist" whose language was respectful. As a matter of fact, there were times when he could sit down with one of them for an hour and be interested in the tramp's adventures by flood and field.

If Bert did not obey his instructions to the letter, the section boss on that section did. He was a burly big fellow, regarded by his employers as a bully and a coward. Knowing that he had the law on his side, he fairly went hunting for tramps. If one was found track walking, he received such a thumping that he could hardly crawl off to a highway, and no freight train with a bobo on the bumpers could pass the boss that his sharp eyes would not detect the culprit.

Perhaps it was this man's fierce enmity toward tramps that softened Bert's heart.

Agent and boss had never had a word on the subject, however, until one summer afternoon he happened along with his car and his gang just as a tramp had reached the station and was resting in the shade. Bert had not seen the fellow as yet when he heard a row outside. The section boss had spied the hobo and stopped to give him a drubbing. The tramp was a man about thirty, and it needed

A SURPRISE AWAITED HIM AS HE OPENED THE DOOR.

only one glance at his face to prove that he was not born to the road. He had an intelligent eye, and his speech was that of an educated man.

The section boss was already slamming him around when Bert interfered. As the big brute let go of his victim he gave him a whirl and brought him down on the iron rail. The hobo lay there until Bert assisted him to rise. He complained of a pain in his side, but after resting for awhile it seemed to pass off. The story he told was not new to the agent. Born of good parents and with a good start in life, drink and a spirit of adventure had been his bane. He did not mention what occupation he had followed, and Bert, in his genial, thoughtful way, refrained from exhibiting too much curiosity. After accepting lunch, a bracer of whisky and a few coins he left the station and continued westward. This was toward sundown.

The tramp had been gone about an hour when a thunderstorm came up, and for an hour it rained furiously. A mile to the east of Bristow they were putting in a new bridge over a small creek, with the rails laid on a temporary track. It was not Bert's business to worry about that bridge, and he hadn't given it a thought when he received a message from Clairsville, nine miles to the west, that the section gang had been dumped into the ditch and all badly hurt. Then arose the question whether it was his duty to remain at the station and be ready for a call or make a trip to the new bridge and see that all was safe.

He knew that the creek would be bank full from the downpour, and as it was in the dry season, when no rain was expected, the temporary tracks might be swept away. After fifteen minutes of doubt and worry he telegraphed Clairsville that he was going to the creek and at once set out on a run. He had scarcely started when a gale sprang up in his very teeth, and within ten minutes it was all he could do to make way against it at a walk. Darkness had fallen before he reached the culvert. The bridge was gone!

The first train due was a freight at 9 o'clock. This train would sidetrack at Bristow for the express bound east. He had brought a red lantern, and this he managed to secure to a pole suspended over the track. That would stop the freight, and he would get back to the station in time to flag the express.

The wind was howling along at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and a dozen different times in returning over that mile of track Bert was blown flat or clear off the track into the ditch. Even with the gale at his back it took him as long to go as it had to come, and he was thoroughly played out when he reached the station. Even before he mounted the platform he heard the instrument calling him and realized that something was up.

A surprise awaited him as he opened the door. Sitting at the table, with his head on his arms and apparently asleep, was the tramp of the afternoon. The instrument was calling "B B," as if lives depended on an instant answer, and Bert had to reach over the sleeping man's shoulder to reply. In a minute came this message from Clairsville:

"What the dickens is the matter with you? Are there any more empties on the way?"

"What do you mean?" Bert asked.

"I mean that I have ditched the seven cattle cars and want to know if any others got away."

It took some time to make matters plain. Several times Bert shook the sleeper and called to him to vacate the chair, but he did not move. The 4 o'clock freight had brought down sixteen cattle cars and after backing them in on the siding had pulled out and left the switch wide open. The section gang had passed the spot without noticing the switch, and when the gale came up seven of the cars had been blown out on the main track and started down the road at thirty miles an hour. The other nine would have followed had not one of them jumped the track and held the rest. Clairsville had received word of the runaways and ditched them to prevent a smash-up with the express.

It was no ghostly telegram that had been sent in Bert's absence. The injured tramp who had left him that afternoon had for some reason returned to the track later on. He must have seen the open switch and sighted the runaway empties. He had made his way down to the station to give Bert the information and, finding him gone, had sat down to the instrument and warned Clairsville. He had given Bert no hint that he was an operator, but such was the case. He had sent the message through in good shape and saved the road a big smash-up.

"Here, wake up, wake up and shake hands and let me thank you," Bert shouted as the mystery was solved and he felt his heart growing big.

No reply broke the silence which suddenly and strangely impressed Bert. The hands he touched were cold.

The inquest was held at Clairsville, and the verdict was "heart disease, aggravated by a recent injury." The "recent injury" consisted of three broken ribs. The fact that this was received at the hands of the section boss was not stated. That the poor chap had ever managed to walk a hundred rods the doctors declared a wonderful thing. He was nameless, homeless and friendless, and the railroad company had no sentiment and no gratitude. The poor bruised body was laid in a pauper's grave, unmarked and uncared for, and only Bert Brown stood beside the last resting place of Bristow Station's hero.


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FRANK H. STEDMAN, Sheriff.
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NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior Court
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
Addie Taylor
vs.
William Taylor.

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the above entitled cause against the defendant above named for divorce on the grounds of abandonment. It being made to appear that the defendant William Taylor is a non resident of the State of North Carolina and cannot after due diligence be found in this State. These are therefore to notify the said defendant to appear at the next term of the Superior Court to be held for the county of New Hanover on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in March A. D. 1903, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff herein filed or judgment will be granted according to the prayer of the complaint.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this the 13th day of February A. D. 1903. JNO. D TAYLOR, Clerk Superior Court.

H. McClammy, Plaintiff's Attorney.
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In our Silk Department, we can entertain you with good Pongee Silks as low as 29c per yard. We have Taffetta Silks in all colors at 38c per yard. Our good wide black Taffetta—good quality—we are running at 85c per yard.

Ladies that are needing India Linens and Lawns, we would say we have in our Spring line and they are very good values; as low as the cheapest jobber in town. We bought in large quantities. We have them in all prices. Our 10c India Linen is a beauty.

In Ladies ready-to-wear garments we can fit you up in every way.

In our Underskirts—we have them from 50c to $2.50 We think our $1.00 Skirt is the best sold in the city. All we ask is a comparison on this garment.

The patent waist-band McGee Bros. Skirt—we think it is a treasure—when a lady once tries them she never does without them. We have the agency for this town. The prices are $1.50 to $2.25 each.

Our Embroidery counters are filled up with pretty new goods—we are running a big lot of Embroidery and Insertion at 3c. per yd. special. We have quite a lot of it at 5c. per yd. that was sold for 6, 7 and 8c. We have all grades of these goods.

Our Lace Department—Laces and Applique, all-over Yokings, etc. We know they are equal to any. Just received the largest shipment of this class of goods we have ever bought. We bought them in large quantities and get them cheaper than the ordinary merchant. Our Applique Trimmings are the prettiest in the city—we have them from 5c. to 75c. per yd. Our 10c. values cannot be equaled.

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Ladies Dress Skirts—In this department our sales are much larger this season than ever before.

We make Suits and Skirts to order, and guarantee them to fit. We sell a good Wool Skirt, with flounce at bottom, as low as $1.39 each. A real pretty Skirt, with inverted seams, for $2.25. Beautiful Tuck Skirts, made in the latest styles, of best Broadcloth, without lining, made for beauty and style, we sell them at $4.75 each. We manufacture Skirts from any goods you like from $1.50 to $1.00 each. We sell you the goods and do the work for $1.00.

In our Shoe Department we have received the nicest line of Ladies' Shoes we have ever had—McKay made Shoes, made by one of the best factories in the country, at Elmira, N. Y., manufactured by J. Richardson & Sons. We have the agency for this line here. The price of them is $2.00, $2.25, $2.75 and $3.00 a pair. We have a few pair of Greenewald's fine Shoes left that he sold for $3.00, all small sizes. We will sell them at $1.00 a pair to close them out.

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Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $22.95.

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Approved:
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

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LEAVE FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS
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At *7.00 A. M., 10.00 A. M., †1.00 P. M., 3.00 P. M., 6.00 P. M., Saturday only †10.00 P. M.

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## SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TRAIN 29 | Leaves Wilmington at 4.30 P. M., arrives Lumberton 6.56 P. M., Pembroke 7.30 P. M., Maxton 7.55 P. M., Hamlet 8.40 P. M. | |
| TRAIN 40 | Leaves Hamlet at 8.30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9.13 A. M., Pembroke 9.45 A. M., Lumberton 10.08 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon. | |

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hamlet | 8.50 a m | 9 00 p m |
| Ar Monroe | 10.32 a m | 10 45 p m |
| Ar Charlotte | 11.40 a m | 11 50 p m |
| Ar Chester | 12 01 p m | 11 50 p m |
| Ar Greenwood | 2.30 p m | 3.05 a m |
| Ar Athens | 5.19 p m | 4 15 a m |
| Ar Atlanta | 7.40 p m | 6.15 a m |

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SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Hamlet | 5.00 a m | 8 45 a m |
| Ar Columbia | 7.24 a m | 11 55 a m |
| Ar Savannah | 9.45 a m | 3 15 p m |
| Ar Jacksonville | 1.30 p m | 7 40 p m |
| Ar Tampa | | 8 45 a m |

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|---|---|---|
| | 9 00 p m | |
| | 1 10 p m | |
| | 4 55 a m | |
| | 9 15 a m | |
| | 6 00 p m | |

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

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|---|---|---|
| Lv Hamlet | 10.25 p m | 8 02 a m |
| Ar Raleigh | 1.15 a m | 11.15 a m |
| Ar Norlina | 3.18 a m | 1.35 p m |
| Ar Portsmouth | 7.10 a m | 6.35 p m |
| Ar Norfolk | | |
| Lv Hamlet | 10.35 p m | 8.45 a m |
| Ar Raleigh | 1 15 a m | 11.45 a m |
| Ar Norlina | 3.18 a m | 1.38 p m |
| Ar Petersburg | 5.39 a m | 4.09 p m |
| Ar Richmond | 6.10 a m | 4.55 p m |
| Ar Washington | 9.45 a m | 8.35 p m |
| Ar Baltimore | 10.52 a m | 11.35 p m |
| Ar New York | 3.15 p m | 6.30 a m |

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| | 12 00 m | |
| | 2.38 p m | |
| | 6 40 a m | |
| | 10.10 a m | |
| | 11.31 a m | |
| | 4.15 p m | |

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## ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

| | No. 48 | No. 40 |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 9 30 a m | 7.00 p m |
| Ar Goldsboro | 12.21 p m | 9.38 p m |
| Ar Wilson | 1.16 p m | 10.46 p m |
| Ar Rocky Mount | 1.55 p m | 11.35 p m |
| Ar Norfolk | 5.55 p m | |
| Ar Weldon | 4.50 p m | 1.45 a m |
| Ar Petersburg | 6.05 p m | 3.25 a m |
| Ar Richmond | 7.45 p m | 4.07 a m |
| Ar Washington | 11.40 p m | 7.54 a m |
| Ar Baltimore | 1.33 a m | 9.16 a m |
| Ar Philadelphia | 4.05 a m | 11 25 a m |
| Ar New York | 7.15 a m | 2.00 p m |

SOUTHBOUND.

| | No. 41 | No. 49 |
|---|---|---|
| Lv New York | 8.55 a m | 3.35 p m |
| Ar Philadelphia | 11.30 a m | 12 10 a m |
| Ar Baltimore | 1.44 p m | 2.27 a m |
| Ar Washington | 2.50 p m | 3.45 a m |
| Ar Norfolk | | 9 00 a m |
| Ar Richmond | 6.26 p m | 6.30 a m |
| Ar Petersburg | 7.35 p m | 9 13 a m |
| Ar Weldon | 9.04 p m | 11.20 a m |
| Ar Rocky Mount | 10 07 p m | 12 50 p m |
| Ar Wilson | 10.48 p m | 1.46 p m |
| Ar Goldsboro | 7.35 p m | 2.35 p m |
| Ar Wilmington | 10.10 a m | 5.45 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

| | Daily Ex. Sunday. | Daily. | Daily. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 6.00 a m | 3.45 p m | 7.00 p m |
| Ar Florence | 9.35 a m | 7.30 p m | 9.55 a m‡ |
| Ar Charleston | 1.10 p m | 11.15 p m | 5.45 a m |
| Ar Savannah | 6.35 p m | 5.00 a m | 7.55 a m |
| Ar Jacksonville | | 9.00 a m | 12.45 p m |
| Ar Tampa | | 7.00 p m | 10.00 p m |

NORTHBOUND.

| | Daily Ex. Sunday. | Daily. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Tampa | 8.00 p m | 9.30 a m |
| Ar Jacksonville | 7.30 p m | 7.00 p m |
| Ar Savannah | 1.10 p m | 1.15 a m |
| Ar Charleston | 5.15 p m | 6.35 a m |
| Ar Florence | 8.00 p m | 9 45 a m |
| Ar Wilmington | 11.45 p m | 1.40 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

| | West Bound Daily. | East Bound Daily |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 9.10 a m | Ar. 5.00 p m |
| Ar Fayetteville | 12.39 p m | Ar. 1.00 p m |
| Ar Sanford | 1.00 p m | Lv. 4.45 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

| | North Bound Daily ex Sunday | South Bound Daily |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 2.30 p m | Ar. 12.00 m |
| Ar Newbern | 5.40 p m | Lv. 9.00 a m |

‡Via Wilson.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

| GOING EAST. Passenger Trains | | STATIONS | GOING WEST. Passenger Trains | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arrive | Leave | | Arrive | Leave |
| P. M. | P. M. | | A. M. | A. M. |
| ..... | 2 40 | Goldsboro | 11 05 | ..... |
| ..... | 4 25 | Kinston | 10 19 | ..... |
| 5 45 | 6 50 | Newbern | 8 57 | 9 30 |
| 7 05 | 8 07 | Morehead City | 7 37 | 7 37 |
| P.M. | P. M. | | A. M. | A. M. |

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.05 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 1.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 4 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 1.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 2.06 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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CARIB.....Tuesday, Feb. 17
GEO. W. CLYDE.....Tuesday, Feb. 24

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# The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING. FEBRUARY 27


## HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

**Resolve to Resist by All Honorable Means the Unseating of Butler in House of Representatives by Republicans.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The House Democratic caucus to day adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we shall resist by all honorable means at our command the unseating of contestee Butler and the seating of contestant Wagoner, being convinced that the Republican managers in the House have determined to disregard the large majority of 6,300 votes by which contestee Butler was returned and dispose of the contest arbitrarily in blind partisanship without reference to its merits and without effort or desire to learn what they are, and that by way of emphasizing our condemnation of persistent partisan disregard of the rights of the minority and this want on outrage, lacking even the sorry excuse of pretended partisan necessity, and to prevent the passage of vicious measures which there is every reason for believing the majority have planned to rush through the House in the confusion incident to the ending of the final session of an expiring Congress, we pledge ourselves to stand togeiher in support of the demand for the presence of a quorum at all times, for the transaction of business, and a recorded yea and nay vote upon everything upon which the House shall act up to the moment of final adjournment."

The caucus was attended by nearly all the Democratic representatives in the city and the resolution was unanimously agreed to after a general discussion. It is the opinion of the minority that the Republicans will not be able to accomplish more than to pass the appropriation bills before adjournment.

## NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**Changes in the Bill as Reported by Committee to the Senate.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Hale, from the Committee on Naval Affairs to-day reported the Naval appropriation bill. The entire House provision relating to increase of the navy is stricken out, and in its stead provision is made for four first class battleships of the general type of the Oregon and two first class armored cruisers of the type of the Brooklyn. The battleships are to cost not exceeding $3 200.000 each and the cruisers $2,750,000. There is a provision that not more than two of these vessels shall be built by one establishment and for the building of any or all of them in the government yards in case of a combination to deprive the government of the benefit of fair competition.

The total net increase recommended over the appropriation as the bill passed the House is $1,937,881, making a grand total of $81,277,281.

## DIED SUDDENLY.

**Dr. R. J. Gatling, the Famous Inventor. Aged Eighty-three Years.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died suddenly here to-day, at the home of his son-in-law, Hugh O. Pentecost.

At 1:25 o'clock Dr. Gatling returned home from a trip down town on business at the offices of the *Scientific American*. Being 83 years old and accustomed to resting after any physical effort, he told his daughter he would lie down. Shortly afterward he commenced to breath heavily and a physician was called and he administered strychnine, but to no avail, and Dr. Gatling died in his daughter's arms a few minutes afterward. Dr. Gatling besides the gun which bears his name, invented a number of agricultural implements and a gun metal. Although he graduated from Ohio Medical College, he never practiced medicine.

## ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO.

**General Belief That a Merger of Important Interests is Contemplated.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Contrary to expectation, no official statement respecting the status of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway deal was issued to-day. It is generally believed that matters have reached the stage where only a few unimportant details remain to be settled.

The latest reports indicate that the outcome of the present negotiations will disclose a scheme of far-reaching importance. It is the general belief that a merger or consolidation of interests in the 'Frisco, Rock Island, Atchison and Southern roads is contemplated. Rock Island, according to current gossip, will be the central figure in the deal. Mr. Yoakum is reported to be slated for the presidency of Rock Island, which it is predicted will dominate the situation.

## COTTON GROWING.

**Strenuous Efforts in South Africa to Compete With the United States.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The colonial officials in West Africa are making strenuous efforts to compete with the United States in growing cotton for manufacture in England and H. Clay Evans, United States consul general at London, reports to the State Department that through Mr. Chamberlain's influence, the West African railways will give free carriage to cotton for two years while the shipping companies will carry the first thousand tons without freight charge.

**Nearly Forfeits His Life.**

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruption and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †


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# DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN CINCINNATI, O.

**More Than One-Half of the Finest Business Square in the City Burned.**

**LOSS NEARLY TWO MILLION.**

**Believed There Was No Loss of Life, Though Two Men Are Missing—Several Persons Were Injured. Many Narrow Escapes.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 26.—More than one-half of the best square in Cincinnati was destroyed by fire to-day. The square, bounded by Vine, Fourth, Walnut and Third streets, including the Pike building and Opera House, was conceded to be the most solidly constructed portion of the city. That half of it north of the Baker alley, with the exception of the Carlisle building at the southwestern corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, is in ruins, while the American Book Company's publication house, the Woodrow printing works, the Zumbrial box factory and other concerns on the south side of Baker's alley are also burned out.

The fire was discovered at 1:30 A. M., and it was 1:30 P. M. before it was fully under control, although the entire fire department of this city and the fire departments of surrounding towns were constantly pouring in dozens of streams on the conflagration. There are a score or more streams still pouring on the smoking ruins to-night, and they will keep it up all night.

While the property loss is the largest in the history of the city by fire, it is believed there was no loss of life, although two men who lodged in the Pike Opera House building are still missing to-night. John Keenan and Joseph Schaefer, who were badly hurt while escaping from burning buildings, are reported to-night as resting well. Several forces of firemen who were caught on the roofs of burning buildings, had narrow escapes, but all were rescued by ladders.

Manager Hunt of the Pike Opera House secured Robinson's opera house to-day and will finish his bookings for this season, commencing with Mrs. Fiske next week. One of the heaviest losers is the Henrietta Crossman Company, which was at the Pike this week and lost everything, even the safe with the receipts from a crowded house last night. Their future is not determined but the company will not appear again this week.

In some thirty law offices that were burned were documents that cannot be replaced for pending litigation and property rights. The fire was such that few office safes withstood it.

The total loss to-night is estimated at from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000, which is distributed among the occupants of four large office buildings and other structures.

The fire started in the cellar of Geo. Joffee's grocery in the Pike building on Fourth street, between Vine and Walnut. An hour later there was an explosion, supposed to come from liquors in storage, and the flames soon afterwards shot up through the roof of the six-story stone front building, and from that time on for several hours the fire was beyond control. The Pike building was totally destroyed, including the office of the United States Express Company, the Adams' Express Company, White's restaurant, owned by Maynard & Kerr, Geo. Joffee's grocery, John B. Martin's restaurant, Empson's confectionery, Henry Strauss' cigar store and the offices of the Pike Theatre Company on the first floor, the Pike Theatre auditorium and green rooms and other offices on the second floor, and all of the offices on the third, fourth and fifth floors. The Seasongood building, adjoining the Pike building on the west at the corner of Vine and Fourth streets, was badly damaged.

The Fosdick building, occupied by the Norfolk and Western railroad and others, was badly damaged, while the Carlisle building, occupied by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and Smith & Sods and the Cincinnati Trust Company on the first floor and very many offices on the other five floors, was damaged.

The front stone walls of the Pike building and those of adjoining structures, owned by Robert Clark & Company and the Duhme Brothers' jewelry store and of the Seasongood buildings withstood the heat and did not fall. The rear walls of these structures, however, which are of brick, gave way with the falling floors.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker street and burned the large publishing house of the American Book Company at the corner of Baker street and other property.

All the guests in the burned house on Irvine street just across from the telephone building were called out of their rooms as were those at the Gibson, the Emery and Stag hotels, which were in close proximity to the fire. The Kankake building which is diagonally across from the Seasongood building and Pike Opera House, and is occupied by the Western Union, the Associated Press, the Big Four and other offices, was threatened and all the wires of the Western Union for hours were in danger, but this location was spared.

There were many narrow escapes. Night watchman John Agin and Mat Garretson and Harry Richardson, door keeper, saved six lives by entering the building and forcing their way through the smoke and rescuing lodgers. Five men were asleep in a rear room of the Pike building when they were rescued by having their door broken in. All escaped in their night clothes.

The American Book Company lost $375,000 on their publishing house and stock and machinery. The plates of the Electric system of school books were all stored in this building, which, with the presses and electrical appliances, were lost. They are insured for $200,000.

Robert Clarke & Company place their loss at $450,000, including $175,000 in plates of law books and other works, with $150,000 insurance.

Among the other losses are the following: Pike building, $475,000, insurance, $180,000; Seasongood building, $35,000; Harrison building, $125,000; Foodyk building, $35,000; Dupreme Brothers, jewelry, $75,000; Richter & Phillips, jewellers, $50 000; Misses Brothers, milliners, $8,000; Joffee's grocery, $75,000; Strauss' wholesale cigar store, $75,000.

The scenery and costumes used by the Pike Stock Company during the season which closed last Saturday night, valued at about $100,000, were stored in the opera house. Included in this was a good portion of the expensive costumes used in the presentation of "Cinderilla" during Christmas week.

The loss of the Henrietta Crossman Company, which has been at the Pike this week, is over double that of the Pike Stock Company.

The Pike building belongs to the Pike estate, and Powell Crossley is the general lessee, sub-letting it to over two hundred tenants.

# REVOLTING RECORD OF ARTHUR KNAPP.

**Confessed to Many Murders—Five of the Victims Women and Two of Them His Wives—Gruesome Story.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAMILTON, O., Feb. 26.—Five murders, the victims of which were all women and two of them his wives, is the revolting record of Albert Knapp given to-day in a sworn confession made by the murderer before Mayor Bosch. Knapp, according to the police, is a degenerate of a pronounced type. The murder of his third wife, Annie Goddard Knapp, which led to Knapp's arrest yesterday in Indianapolis, was done, "I don't know why," to quote the prisoner.

Knapp's confession, which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows:

"On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Gest street, Cincinnati; on August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A., in Cincinnati; on August 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Conners Knapp, under the Canal bridge, in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal; in Indianapolis in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard; on December 22nd, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald. This is the truth."

The confession clears up the mystery of at least one death—that of Jennie Connors Knapp, Knapp's second wife. This woman's body was found in the sluggish waters of a canal near Cincinnati. Bruises were discovered on the head, but an investigation led to no definite conclusion concerning the manner of her death.

The more recent of the murders to which Knapp has confessed—that of his third wife, Annie Goddard Knapp, of Hamilton—led to his arrest at the home of his fourth bride in Indianapolis. An uncle of the victim, hearing of Knapp's marriage to a Miss Gamble, in Indianapolis, a few days after the mysterious disappearance of his niece, formerly Annie Goddard, started an investigation.

The police were prepared for a grewsome story to-day, Knapp having admitted his guilt of the Goddard murder last night, but they were dumbfounded at the revelations which the prisoner made when put under oath today.

After his confession Knapp admitted that he had repeatedly assaulted women.

A formal charge of murder in the first degree was filed.

Attorney C. E. Tenney, Cincinnati, was allowed to see Knapp and told him to make no further statement. Knapp was surprised that his people had secured a lawyer for him.

Knapp talks much of the Pearl Bryan murder and is afraid of being lynched.

Knapp is now suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and of killing women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati house of refuge when seventeen years old, and new records are being discovered almost hourly.

## ADVANCE IN RAILROAD RATES

**Hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission — Railroad Officials Present—Their Testimony.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today gave a hearing in the matter of the recent advances in railroad freight rates on grain and grain products, dressed meats and packing house products, iron, etc. The railroad officials present included Vice Presidents Chamberlain and Willard, of the Erie railroad; Auditor Coxe, General Freight Agent Devant and President Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western; Freight Traffic Managers McCabe and Joyce, of the Pennsylvania railroad; Freight Traffic Manager Mitchell, of the Michigan Central; Comptroller Sullivan, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; Freight Traffic Manager Powell, of the Southern Railway, and others.

Messrs. Mitchell, Willard, Chamberlain and Joyce testified. Their testimony was a reiteration of the statements made in the formal answers of their roads to the commission's circular inquiry, the answers alleging as a cause for the advance in rates the differing commercial conditions, vast improvements made and projected, increased cost of materials and supplies and of transportation, etc.

Mr. Joyce among others was asked about the meeting of the officials of the various roads at which the increases were decided on. He said there was no "understanding" as such and the roads would have increased their rates anyway.

## NEW COTTON MILL

**To be Built in Charlotte of a Cost of Five Hundred Thousand.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 26.—Contracts have been let for Mill No. 3, of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, in this city, and work will begin Monday. This plant will cost $500,000, will have thirty thousand spindles and 1,000 looms and employ 800 operatives. In connection with the building of this new mill the Highland Park Manufacturing Company will build a power plant on Sugar Creek which will generate 2,000 horse power and cost $100,000. This plant will generate electricity to run the mills of the company. The electricity will be operated through induction motors.

## WARM WIRELETS.

President Palma, of Cuba, has signed the soldiers pay loan bill which authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of $35,000,000.

A Washington dispatch says that Mr. Bowen last night signed the protocol for the settlement of the claims of Mexican subjects against Venezuela.

J. Pierpont Morgan and party who are en route to Florida and Cuba, reached Savannah yesterday. Only a stop for change of engines was made.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire in the town of Peaks, on the Southern railway, twenty-five miles north of Columbia, S. C., destroyed $50,000 worth of property. A shifting engine started the fire in forty bales of cotton, which were consumed.

The Dutch steamer Bets, from Ship Island, February 12th, for Rotterdam, has arrived at Hamilton, Bermuda, having in tow the United States collier Alexander, which broke her shaft February 10th, while on her way from San Juan, Porto Rico, for Norfolk.


Don't let your baby suffer, when a 25cts bottle of Anway's Croup Syrup will cure his cough. Don't risk the ordinary "Cough Remedy" they are not made for babies. Anway's is a baby's cold and cough cure. 25cts at Robt. R. Bellamy's Drug Store. †


# EXCITING TIME IN THE HOUSE.

**Butler, Dem., of Missouri, Unseated and Wagoner, Rep., Put in His Place.**

**HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDINGS.**

**Democrats Made Fight But Were Overridden by the Republicans—Action of Speaker Denounced by Richardson, Minority Leader.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Amid scenes which recalled the memorable and exciting days of the 51st Congress, when party feeling ran fiercely and the Hall of Representatives resounded with denunciation of the alleged "high handed methods" of the majority, Jas. J. Butler, of Missouri, was unseated to-day by the House and Geo. C. R. Wagoner was seated in his place. The Democrats had decided at their caucus this morning that if this case was called up they would prosecute a filibuster from now until March 4th, regardless of consequences to legislation, and they began the fight as soon as the gaval fell at noon.

Roll call followed roll call and it took over three hours to approve the journal of yesterday's proceedings. Then when the decks were cleared the case was called. A spirited debate of two hours followed and finally after repeated roll calls the case was brought to a vote. The Democrats then attempted to block things by leaving the hall, but enough absentees finally were brought in to make up the necessary quorum. The closing chapter was dramatic. Mr. Daizell, of Pennsylvania, who was in the chair, declined to recognize a demand for a division and Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, stood in his place and denounced his course in unmeasured terms, amid the jeers of the Republican side. The handful of Democrats present were overriden rough-shod and Mr. Wagoner was seated by a vote of 161 to 2, the chair declining to entertain the point that no quorum was present. This still further aroused the ire of the handful of Democrats on the floor. "I did not believe the chair would be guilty of such an action," cried Mr. Richardson, while Mr. Williams, Democrat, Illinois, from his seat, shouted that the Speaker had put a proxy in the chair to do it. Mr. Wagoner, the contestant, then was escorted to the bar of the House and sworn in. Then the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Payne, the majority leader, moved a recess until to-morrow and on that demanded the previous question. It was ordered—169 to 5—the Speaker this time overruling the point of no quorum. By a vote of 173 to 3 the House then took a recess.

The Republican leaders in deciding to force this case to a vote did so with a perfect realization of the embarrassments which would folow if the Democrats carried out their filibustering threat; they have arranged a program to reduce the minority's obstructive power to a minimum so far as appropriation bills are concerned. This is to be accomplished by a special rule, which has been tentatively prepared, by which all the preliminary parliamentary steps for getting appropriation bills with Senate amendments into conference can be cut off. But later this afternoon Republicans interested in the Omnibus Public Building bill threatened to vote against the rule unless it made provision for the bill. This disturbing factor in the situation was not straightened out to-night.

The Republican programme also includes a proposition to continue the legislative day of to-day until noon, March 4th, in order to obviate the long and tedious work of approving the journal against filibustering tactics. A recess was taken to-night until 11 o'clock to-morrow and a rule has been prepared which will hereafter give a motion to take a recess precedence over a motion to adjourn. Under the operation of these drastic measures it is believed that none of the appropriation bills or other necessary measures will be jeopardized, but the present situation undoubtedly sounds the deathknell of may minor measures.

**Senate Proceedings.**

The advisability and legality of the appointment by the President of senators and members of the House on commissions formed the subject of considerable discussion in the Senate to-day. The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill was under consideration and Mr. Hale, having in mind the amendment which was adopted yesterday authorizing the appointment of an international monetary commission, stated the debate by calling attention to the fact that the Senate had reprobated the policy of appointments of senators on commissions, and on one occasion had refused to confirm two senators nominated by the President for such service. During the discussion it was made clear that no reflection was intended on Mr. Lodge and Mr. Turner, who have been selected as members of the Alaskan boundary commission. The bill was passed after a number of amendments had been added to it, among them one appropriating $2 000,000 for the purchase of a postoffice site in New York city.

**Protest Against Smoot.**

Senator Burrows, chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, to-day presented to the Senate a protest signed by Rev. J. T. Leilich, in the case of Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah, urging that Mr. Smoot shall not be permitted to take his seat in the Senate. Mr. Leilich is in charge of Methodist missions in Utah, and resides in Salt Lake City. He is in Washington in charge of the Ministers' Association of Salt Lake. His statement is sworn to. Mr. Leilich declares that Smoot is a polygamist and now has a plural wife, although he deems it inexpedient to give the maiden name of the lady at this time.

The Senate went into executive session at 1:40 P. M. and spent the remainder of the day in discussing the Panama canal treaty, adjourning shortly before 6 o'clock until to-morrow.

## AGAINST THE SOUTHERN.

**Complaint of Discriminating Rates from Charleston to Greensboro, N. C.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—C. W. Jennings, of Greensboro, N. C., has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, alleging that the Southern Railway had imposed unreasonable and discriminating rates for the transportation of bananas from Charleston to Greensboro, N. C. He says the railroads required him to pay forty-nine cents per hundred pounds on a carload, minimum weight of 20,000 pounds, while exacting from other shippers only twenty cents per one hundred pounds on a car load minimum weight of 18,000 pounds for transporting similar shipments.

## RAIDED BY MASKED MEN.

**A Residence Near Toledo, O., Entered by Robbers—Inmates Beaten and the House Plundered.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 26.—Ten masked robbers went to the home of Christian Joehlin, two miles from the city limits, last night at 11 o'clock, battered down the doors with clubs and entered the residence, leaving two men outside as guards. In the house were Mr. and Mrs. Christian Joehlin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Joehlin, John Anderson, Joseph Joehlin, also a three-year old boy and an 18-months old girl. All, including even the baby boy and girl, were clubbed into insensibility, bound and gagged. When the Joehlins recovered consciousness the robbers demanded $30,000, which they said they knew was secreted in the house. When told that no such an ameunt was there, the bandits applied burning torches to the faces and feet of all their victims, blistering even the infant's little feet. Christian Joehlin, an aged paralytic, was beaten so frequently that there is not a spot on his head that is not bruised and raw. The marauders, leaving their victims securely tied, searched every corner of the house, securing $300 in cash and several articles of jewelry.

They drank several gallons of wine which they found in the cellar, prepared a hearty meal, including meat, potatoes, coffee, wine and other edibles, and ate it. They were in the house five hours, leaving at 4 o'clock this morning after notifying the family that they would return for the $30,000. Every policeman and detective in the city is working on the case, but not even a clue of the intruders whereabouts has been discovered.

## GEN. GORDON SERIOUSLY ILL.

**Taken Sick Last Night on a Train En Route to Jackson, Miss.—Physicians Failed to Give Him Relief.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 26.—A special to the *Constitution*, from Jackson, Miss., says:

General John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, was taken violently ill while on board a Queen and Crescent train en route to this city from Clinton, Miss., to-night. It was necessary to remove him from the train to a streicner and he suffered spells of nausea while being carried to the Lawrence hotel. Physicians were immediately summoned and will remain at his bedside until morning. General Gordon is suffering much pain which the sedatives administered by the physicians have failed to relieve. He is conscious.

## CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

**New Union, Recently Formed, Elected Officers for Ensuing Term.**

The new union of carpenters and joiners, recently formed in the city, met last night and elected officers as follows:

President—H. M. Brothers.
Vice President—T. K. Rhodes.
Recording Secretary—John Gano Marshall.
Financial Secretary — D. H. Brothers.
Treasurer—J. L. Russ.
Conductor—Ephraim Dale.
Warden—A. O. Tharp.
Trustees—J. Daniel Sidberry, E. W. Eubank and T. K. Rhodes.

The president appointed the following auditors: H. L. Clements, J. G. Lynch, S. S. Burriss and W. S. Russ.

## THAT "PHOSPHORESCENT GLOW."

**Southport Standard Has a Word of Resentment for Wilmington Speaker.**

Here is the way the Southport *Standard* editor "comes back" at some one in Wilmington:

"We understand that a certain citizen of Wilmington, in referring to our little city before the Chamber of Commerce some time ago, made use of the expression that Southport was a parasite hanging on to Wilmington. We take pleasure in informing the gentleman that we have witnessed many a dead trunk, whose leaves had long since withered and whose figure is best seen in the darkness because of its phosphorescent glow, transformed into a radiant picture of grace and beauty by the greatest parasite in nature—the ivy."

**Mount Olive a County Seat.**

Raleigh *News and Observer*: "During the introduction of bills yesterday there was a ripple of interest when the clerk read: 'By Senator Aaron, a bill to be entitled an act to form the county of Overman.' On investigation it proved that the bill proposed to take large slices off of Wayne and Duplin, smaller ones off of Lenoir and Sampson, and have for a county-seat the flourishing town of Mount Olive, on the Atlantic Coast Line. Senator Aaron says that this county would be the richest agricultural county in the State and that the name of Overman was selected in honor of the newly elected United States Senator."

**Rev. A. R. Goodchild.**

Southport *Standard*: "Mrs. R. W. Davis received a postal card last week from Mrs. A. R. Goodchild which stated that her husband, Rev. A. R. Goodchild, who was the pastor at the Methodist church here last year and left for Brooklyn, New York, where he entered a hospital to be treated for paralysis, was in a critical condition, not having been able to leave his bed since his arrival there. It was reported here last week that the Rev. Mr. Goodchild was dead, but we are pleased to note that the report was not true."

**Honored by Odd Fellows.**

Southport *Standard*: "A foot stone was placed to the grave of the late J. M. C. Fisher on Tuesday of this week by Orion Lodge, Independent Order Odd Fellows, of Wilmington, of which the deceased was a member. It is learned that the Woodmen of the World will erect a monument over his grave sometime in the near future."

**Funeral of Capt. J. S Smith.**

The funeral of the late Captain J. S. Smith, of Fayetteville, will be held from the Presbyterian church in that city this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The F. L. I. will act as funeral escort to the deceased, who was an honorary life member of the corps.


**For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT**

For sale by J. C. Shepard.


# A FATAL MISTAKE

**Is Often Made by the Wisest People.**

It's a fatal mistake to neglect backache.

Backache is the first sympton of kidney ills.

Serious complications follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure them promptly.

Don't delay until too late.

Until it becomes diabetes—Bright's disease.

Read what this gentleman says:

Capt. D. W. Welsh, keeper of the Wood County Infirmary, Parkersburg, W. Va., says: "I had to go around trying to evade pain constantly, aware that a false step, jerk or twist would bring punishment, and I was afraid to handle anything for fear of a reminder in the shape of a twinge of pain. I trade at Dr. J. N. Murdoch's drug store on Third street, and have something to get in the drug line every time I come in. It was there I learned about Doan's Kidney Pills and I took a supply home with me and used them. My wife used them and my sister Mrs. A. Amick, of No. 645 Seventh street, used them. They cured the three of us. I am here in the city every few days and can substantiate the remarks I have made."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. feb 22 1w

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

**Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday in the Office of Register.**

The following real estate transfers are noted from deeds filed for record yesterday:

Misses Sallie and Willie Eannett and W. M. Cumming and wife to Charlotte V. Belcher, house and lot at northwest corner of Tenth and Chesnut streets, 40x80 feet in size; consideration, $466 66.

R. B. Nixon and wife and A. H. Mosely and wife, of Newbern, to S. G. Batson and wife and W. B. Bethea and wife, the lands known as the estate of N. F. Nixon, bounded by the lands of the old Goronto place and the lands of N. N. Nixon on the north; on the south by the sound; on the west by Everett's creek and on the east by Porter's neck; consideration, $3,500.

Mrs. Cornelia Cole Fairbanks, of Indiana, was unanimously re elected president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday.


**Presto** (Never Gets Done) **saves cook's time**


## BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 10 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Adv-rtisements in this Department bring good results. feb 14 tf

Wanted—A position as stenographer or book-keeper by a competent young man with good references. Address box 304, city. feu 27 3t

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Wanted—Intelligent man to call on business, and professional men. Permanent position and good pay. Manager, Box 75, Philadelphia. feb 17 1m

Cabbage, Cabbage—Just received, Car of fine Danish Cabbage. Also Bananas, Apples, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Butter, &c. Both 'Phones. A. S. Winstead. feb 8 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Grunau's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. B. Farrar, No 214 North Second street. my 16 tf


## ANNOUNCEMENT!

Having severed my connection with the firm of

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I wish to hereby inform my friends and former patrons that I have established myself at 410-420 North Water street, in the

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with a new and complete stock, and I take this means of thanking you kindly for your past favors, and beg to solicit a continuance of the same.

Respectfully,

**The F. E. Hashagen Co.**

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Solicit your orders.

## H. L. VOLLERS,

Atlantic Coast Line Crossing.

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STATE OF NORTH CADOLINA, NEW HANover county, Wilmington, N. C. Notice is hereby given to the public that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of John Henry Martin, convicted at May, 1903 term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county for the crime of larceny and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for a term of ten years WILLIAM J. BELLAMY Attorney for his mother, Sarah Martin Faircloth.

February 24th, 1903. feb 24 2w


# TO THE PUBLIC!

**Having had a total loss by fire, of my entire stock of goods on the morning of February 11th, and the destruction of the building as well, I have opened my office at No. 113 North Front street, formerly occupied by The Murchison National Bank. Desireus of adjusting all my claims, I'll ask these indebted to me for the prompt payment of their accounts. This is absolutely necessary in order that I may again resume business. Thanking a generous public for past patronage, I am respectfully,**

## A. D. BROWN.

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# 500 Tons Hard Coal

**Just Arrived Per Schr. "John R. Fell"**

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Everything else in proportion. Come early and get first choice.

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**STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF** **The Murchison National Bank,**

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business, Feb. 6, 1903.

(Began business March 1, 1898.)

| RESOURCES. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | $ 913,118 12 | Capital | $ 300,000 00 |
| U. S. Bonds (at par) | 257,000 00 | Surplus and Net Profits | 87,183 77 |
| Bank Building | 30,000 00 | Circulation | 1 4 900 00 |
| Cash on hand and in banks | 622,597 70 | Deposits | 1,200,601 05 |
| | $1,843,702 82 | | $1,843,702 82 |

Comparative statement of deposits.

February 6th, 1900, $372,527 14. February 6th, 1901, $409,290 83. February 6th, 1902, $693 928 71.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
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W. T. SEARS, Managing Owner.
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